



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
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**FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2153**

VLT exemption; military members; spouses

Purpose

Provides an exemption from the vehicle licensing tax (VLT) or registration fee for a vehicle owned by a surviving spouse or dependent of a deceased member of the United States military.

Background

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) was established in 1974 and is statutorily charged with providing an *integrated and balanced state transportation system* (A.R.S. § 28-331). The Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) is one of six divisions within ADOT. The MVD issues driver licenses, vehicle titles and other related permits. Additionally, the MVD is responsible for the enforcement of commercial transportation laws and agreements through both driver testing and licensing.

Pursuant to Article 9 of the Arizona Constitution, a VLT is required for each year of a vehicle's registration. The VLT fee decreases with the age of the vehicle. The minimum VLT is ten dollars (A.R.S. § 28-5801). According to ADOT, the monies collected from VLT are distributed to various sources including the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF), each county's general fund, cities and town funds and to counties for transportation purposes.

The fiscal impact of this legislation is dependent on the number of VLT and registration exemptions claimed by eligible persons.

Provisions

1. Exempts surviving spouses or dependents of a deceased member of the United States military that was killed in the line of duty or died from injuries suffered in the line of duty from paying a VLT and registration fee.
2. Restricts a surviving spouse or dependent to claiming only one vehicle for the exemption.
3. Makes conforming changes.
4. Becomes effective on January 1, 2017.

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